

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**FRAZIER, MCCARTY, FARWELL, WILBER, OLIVER**  
**March 18 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative Frazier- present, via zoom  
Representative McCarty- present, via zoom  
Representative Farwell- present via zoom  
Representative Wilber- present, via zoom  
Representative Oliver- absent

**BUILDING USE- COOPERSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- TARA BURKE via zoom**

Tara Burke requested approval to use the County Office Building campus grounds and parking lots on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to host the Cooperstown Artisan festival. A building use fee as per the policy was discussed, noting a fee was charged in the past. After further discussion, Representative Wilber moved approval of the request, pending COVID guidelines and to approve a one-time no fee waiver for 2021. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348-Oliver. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER via zoom**

Rich Brimmer requested approval to accept the bids from Binghamton Precast for the box culvert for CR #14 and for the box culvert for CR #17 from bid OTGOV-006-20 at a cost of \$89,855 per culvert. Mr. Brimmer also requested approval to purchase all of the materials and supplies needed for these specific projects, not to exceed \$250,000 out of D5113.522500 (Cap. Maint. CHIPS). Representative McCarty moved approval of both requests. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348-Oliver. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to fill a vacant funded HMEO I position and backfill any vacancies that may be created due to promotion as necessary. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348- Oliver. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer explained that as related to the Bridge NY application, they will be discussing specific structures/projects with consultants on the LDSA short list who will assist with preparing the requirements needed for the application.

Rich Brimmer stated that there is only one bidder left from this year's fuel bid as well as they will continue to purchase certain fuels off OGS contract. Mr.

Brimmer suggested that the fuel bid be put out to bid annually with an effective date of August instead of January.

Rich Brimmer explained that the Public Works Committee had previously approved declaring a sander/spreader surplus and sell at scrap price to the Town of Springfield. Mr. Brimmer stated that based on the rate of \$.45/lb for stainless steel, the selling price would be \$1,000-\$1,800 in which the Town of Springfield is not interested in purchasing at that cost. After further discussion, Representative McCarty moved to give the sander/spreader to the Town of Springfield at zero cost. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348-Oliver. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer explained that they originally estimated \$686,000 for their 2021 CHIPS equipment purchases, in connection with the BAN. Mr. Brimmer noted that all of the equipment purchases came in lower than estimated, resulting in possibly being able to purchase additional equipment this year under the BAN instead of purchasing it next year.

Rich Brimmer informed the committee that they extended the salt contract for next season with ARS which includes a 2% price increase from \$59.95/ton to \$61.15/ton.

Rich Brimmer stated that the Town of New Lisbon has approached them concerning potentially sharing a new highway garage between the County Highway Garrettsville patrol and their town Highway department.

Rich Brimmer sent department updates to the committee via email that were not discussed during the meeting.

Rich Brimmer noted the following:

- CR#8 bridge project is out to bid with a bid opening date of 3/25
- CR#54 project is out to bid with a bid opening date of 3/25
- liquid asphalt is out to bid with a bid opening date of 3/18
- transit mix concrete is out to bid with a bid opening date of 3/18
- bridge maintenance and repair is out to bid with a bid opening date of

4/1

-CR#11B and Race Street bridge replacement projects are in the final design phase with the engineers and should be ready to go out to bid next month

-CR#1/Kipps Hill bridge superstructure replacement project is in the design phase and should be ready to go out to bid at the beginning of the summer, pending funding

The committee briefly discussed but was not limited to the following:

- departments mission statement and strategic plan
- status of shared transportation facility- what entities are involved and or interested, project funding, next steps, funding to completed Phase I is not budgeted, etc.

-federal COVID relief funding- restrictions on use and possible project list

-replace Highway garage roof over mechanics area- money is in the budget

Board Chair Bliss arrived in the Board Chambers during the shared transportation facility discussion.

### **BUILDING SERVICES- GARTH BROWN via zoom**

Garth Brown requested approval to extend the Temporary Cleaner position for an additional 90 days. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348-Oliver. Motion carried.

Garth Brown explained that he needs to pay the 2021 Solid Waste user fee bills for specific buildings from the 4800 other budget lines which such funding was not included in the 2021 budget, therefore requesting the following related budget transfers:

Transfer from A1626.520010 \$150  
Transfer to A1626.548000 \$150

Transfer from A1620.520010 \$500  
Transfer to A1625.548000 \$500

Transfer from A1622.520010 \$52  
Transfer to A1630.548000 \$52

Transfer from A1622.520010 \$256  
Transfer to A1625.548000 \$256

Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348- Oliver. Motion carried.

The committee asked for updates, but was not limited to the following:

- Did you review and complete the department's strategic plan/mission statement in connection with TSP
- Have you met with the Sheriff concerning the Trane project
- Have you worked out the details with security, staging area, etc. in connection with the Trane project
- update on the County's request for a second lighting audit to be completed in connection with the Trane project.

Mr. Brown mentioned that he has a meeting with the Sheriff's office next week to discuss a list of existing building issues as prepared by the Sheriff's office.

## **BUILDING USE- COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Carol McGovern informed the committee that a building use application has been received from Cooperstown Central School, requesting to use the Emergency Services Training rooms at the Meadows building on May 5<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., May 14<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and May 24<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for the purpose of administrating the advanced placement test. The committee agreed that the building use needs to be in compliance with the Emergency Services department protocols. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348-Oliver. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative Wilber moved to adjourn. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,804. Absent: 348- Oliver. Motion carried.